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Sir:

The following remarks are submitted in response to the second non-final Office Action dated October 4, 2003 in the above-identified application.

REMARKS

The present application was filed on February 11, 2000 with claims 1-34. Claims 1-34 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1 and 26-34 are the independent claims.

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6-14, 16-21 and 25-34 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,909,436 (hereinafter "Engstrom"), and indicated that claims 5, 15 and 22-24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In this response, Applicants traverse the §102(e) rejection. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks.